



**Re: Sorry after talking to Rosella today I have to clarify who is waiting for Boundary Condition data**

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Cc: Rosella OConnor

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Antony Tseng

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Date: 01/24/2012 04:32 PM  
Subject: Re: Sorry after talking to Rosella today I have to clarify who is waiting for Boundary Condition data

Felix,

I assume this would also delay would affect the technical direction I gave RTI . So I'm going to have to be in this meeting too.

- Antony

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Jeff,

This morning I misspoke. I mistakenly thought NJDEP had provided HydroQual the boundary load data/approach the week I was on vacation. Rosella, after reading the email I was planning on sending Barbara explained that NJEP must provide its boundary approach before HydroQual can move forward.

On January 10 Rosella received the following email from Barbara H. indicating that their contractor would

need about a month (until Feb. 10) to get HydroQual the boundary data/approach info.

I have send Barbara an email asking for time frame to get HydroQual the boundary load data/approach.

After discussing this with Rosella tomorrow , we will call and follow-up with Barbara.

Felix

Attached are messages Barbara to Rosella during the week I was out.

From: "Barbara Hirst" <[Barbara.Hirst@dep.state.nj.us](mailto:Barbara.Hirst@dep.state.nj.us)>  
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Subject: Harbor pathogen TMDL

Rosella,

Re: Pathogen TMDL for NY/NJ Harbor

Based on our recent discussions, the schedule appears to be lagging and EPA is facing a budget problem. In addition to the delay experienced in resolving the issue of "what it would take" to achieve the entero geomean in all cells in the Hackensack (not the 40% previously presented in project reports), **we have recently learned that "meeting standards" at the boundaries meant a model input assumption of never exceeding the 35 entero level, which is decidedly more stringent than the intended standard expressed as a geomean, thus not the same as "meeting standards". To address this issue, we are continuing to work with Stevens to be able to provide appropriate input assumptions based on the modeling of the Passaic River above Dundee Dam. The Stevens work is expected to take at least another month.**

As to the budget, we are very concerned by the information you shared yesterday that there is not enough money to 1) correct the model runs, 2) provide the agreed upon tmdl documentation and 3) provide assistance with responding to technical comments received after the tmdl is proposed. We will need to discuss how all these needs can be accommodated in order to be able to move forward with Harbor pathogen tmdls.